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Subject: Patent Application No. 09/025,896

Dear Mr. Goodman:

Please cancel Claim 5 and substitute Claim 6. The words and phrases objected to have been corrected, as in line 8, the word "rim" has been deleted leaving the phrase "the bottom", and in line 10, the word "it" has been replaced with the phrase "the cutting and chopping edge". This claim includes no new matter.

19 The stoma flange cutter anticipated by Seib et al that you referenced and compared to my invention differs from the cabbage cutter in that the stoma flange cutter is a device that cuts to specified dimensions, cuts to coincide with particular and precise measured openings, and cuts to appropriate predetermined shapes and sizes, whereas, the 20 cabbage cutter cuts to no specific measurements or patterns, but cuts and chops randomly into various sizes by heavily striking in an up and down motion, the amount of cutting and chopping depending on the texture wanted, can 29 be as fine or as course as desired.

Visit any restaurant and you are likely to find cabbage in some form on the menu, and the same can be said for dinner tables in private homes. This cabbage cutter would be a welcomed device in the vegetable cutting art.

A copy of the drawing is enclosed as requested in your Office Action Summary dated June 4, 2002.

A marked-up copy of Claim 6 is enclosed. If you don't need it, you can destroy it.

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1. Clean copy of Claim 6
2. Marked-up copy of Claim 6
3. Cabbage Cutter Drawing (2 copies)